



Game Zone 3

Aiken, Lexington & Richland counties

This section WMA Only. For private land laws, regulations and seasons, see pages 28-30, 35-37.

WMA regulations apply to public lands in Game Zone 3. Some WMAs have special seasons or restrictions, and are listed at the end of the hunt seasons section.

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Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits
Other WMAs	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday hunting for deer is prohibited on all WMAs. • Individual antlerless deer tags are valid on other “unnamed” WMAs starting Sept.15. Tags do not alter the daily or season bag limits. 	
Youth Deer Hunt Day	Jan. 7 2 deer/either-sex, no tags required (see page 56 for WMAs)
Archery & Gun Hunts unnamed WMAs	Sept. 1-Dec. 31 <u>buck only</u> <u>Either sex</u> Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec. 17, 24, 31 No limit on bucks; 2 antlerless deer per day on <u>either-sex</u> days. No hunting on WMAs before Sept.1.
Small Game - other WMAs	Small Game seasons on WMAs are listed below. No small game hunting on WMAs is allowed before Sept.1 or after Mar.1. Additional small game season restrictions may apply to specific WMAs.
Mourning Dove	Sept. 3-5 (afternoons only), Sept. 6-Oct. 8, Nov. 19-26, Dec. 21-Jan. 15 15 per day
Quail	Sept. 1-Sept. 30 training season-dogs, no guns Nov. 21, 2011-Mar. 1, 2012 guns & dogs 12 per day
Squirrel	Sept. 1-Sept. 30 running season-dogs, no guns Oct. 1, 2011-Mar. 1, 2012 guns & dogs 10 per day
Rabbit	Sept. 1-Sept. 30 running season-dogs, no guns Nov. 24, 2011-Mar. 1, 2012 guns & dogs 5 per day
Raccoon & Opossum (Dogs at night only)	Sept. 1-Sept. 14 running season-dogs Sept. 15-Mar. 1 guns & dogs No limit
Fox (Dogs at night only)	Sept. 1-Nov. 23 running season-dogs, no guns Nov. 24-Mar. 1 guns & dogs No limit
Bobcat, Mink, Muskrat, Skunk, Otter & Weasel	Nov. 24-Mar. 1 No limit
Beaver	Sept. 1-Mar. 1 WMA land No limit
Crow	Nov. 1-Mar. 1 No limit

Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits
Named WMAs	
Aiken Gopher Tortoise Heritage Preserve WMA Aiken County	
Deer Gun Hunts	
Oct. 1-Dec. 31 <u>buck only</u> Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec. 17, 24, 31 <u>either-sex</u> 1 deer per day, 3 deer total, not to include more than 2 bucks. No limit on hogs. • No buckshot or dogs allowed. • During gun hunts for deer, there shall be no hunting or shooting from, on, or across any road open to vehicle traffic. • Hogs may be taken during deer hunts only. No dogs. No limit. • All reptiles and amphibians are protected.	
Small Game	Nov. 24-Mar. 1 Regular Zone 3 limits • Fox squirrels may not be hunted or taken. • All reptiles and amphibians are protected.
Raccoon & Opossum	Nov. 24-Mar. 1 3 raccoons per party per night. Opossums no limit.
Crackerneck WMA Aiken County	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality Deer Management Area - antlered deer must have at least 4 points on one side or a minimum 12-inch antler spread. A point must be at least 1 inch long measured from the nearest edge of main beam to top of the point. 	
Deer Archery	Oct. 7-8 <u>either-sex</u> 2 deer total No more than 1 buck. No limit on hogs
Deer Muzzle-loader	Oct. 14-15 <u>either-sex</u> 2 deer total, no more than 1 buck No limit on hogs
Deer Gun Hunts	
Gun hunts on Fridays, Saturdays & Thanksgiving day only during this period. Oct. 21-Dec. 31 <u>buck only</u> Oct. 21-22, 28-29, Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, Dec. 2-3 <u>either-sex</u> 2 per day, 5 deer total, not to include more than 3 bucks. No limit on hogs • All individuals must sign in and out at gate. • No buckshot or dogs allowed. • Scouting days (no firearms or archery equipment) on Saturdays only during Sept. and Mar. Gate opens at 6:00 am and closes at 8:00 pm. • On deer hunt days, gate opens as follows: Oct., 4:30 am-8:30 pm; Nov.-Dec., 4:30 am-7:30 pm. For party dog hunts for hogs in Jan. & Feb., gate will be open from 5:30 am-7:00 pm. • Hog hunters are required to wear a hat, coat or vest of international orange. • Hogs may not be taken from Crackerneck WMA alive and hogs must be shown at check station gate. • No still hog hunting during party hunts with dogs or anytime except during deer hunts. • No more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party.	

Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits
Crackerneck WMA Aiken County (continued)	
Hog Party Hunts (With Dogs)	Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27 Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24 Handguns only. No limit.
Small Game	
Fridays, Saturdays & Thanksgiving day ONLY during regular Game Zone 3 seasons, except no hunting before Oct. 21 or after Feb. 25. Game Zone 3 limits	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All individuals must sign in and out at gate. • Bobcats, foxes, otters and fox squirrels may not be hunted. • During hunts, gate hours will be as follows: Oct., 4:30 am-8:30 pm; Nov. - Dec., 4:30 am-7:30 pm; Jan. - Feb. 5:30 am-7:00 pm. 	
Raccoon & Opossum	
Oct. 15-Dec. 31 Saturday nights only; Jan. 6-Feb. 25 Friday & Sat. nights only Raccoons - 3 per party per night. Opossum no limit.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All individuals must sign in and out at gate. • Hunt hours are as follows: Saturdays -1 hour after official sunset to midnight. 	
Hunters must exit gate by 1:00 am. Fridays -1 hour after official sunset to 1 hour before official sunrise. Hunters must exit gate by official sunrise.	

Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits
Ditch Pond Heritage Preserve WMA Aiken/Barnwell County	
Deer Archery Only	Oct. 1-Dec. 31 <u>buck only</u> Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec. 17, 24, 31 <u>either-sex</u> (1 deer per day, 3 deer total) not to include more than 2 bucks.)
Small Game	Nov. 24-Mar. 1 Regular Game Zone 3/6 limits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fox squirrels may not be hunted or taken. • All reptiles and amphibians are protected. • No raccoon hunting allowed.
Henderson Heritage Preserve WMA Aiken County	
Deer Archery Only	Oct. 1-Dec. 31 <u>buck only</u> Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec. 17, 24, 31 <u>either-sex</u> (1 deer per day, 3 deer total) not to include more than 2 bucks.)



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